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**MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL
EMPLOYED BY AND ASSIGNED TO THE
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**SUBJECT: Inspector General Act Implementation and Office of Inspector
General Policy Guidance**

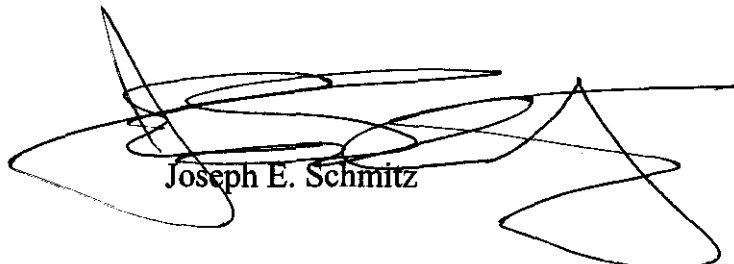
- References: (a) [Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended](#)
(b) [Declaration of Independence](#)
(c) [United States Constitution](#)
(d) [Quality Standards For Federal Offices of Inspector
General \(President's Council on Integrity and
Efficiency 1986\)](#)
(e) [Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General
\(Association of Inspectors General 2001\)](#)

Purpose: This Memorandum implements Reference (a).

Policy: The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended in 1982, established the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense as an "independent and objective unit" of the Department of Defense. As the organic statute for this Office, the letter and the spirit of Reference (a), along with the letter and spirit of the organic laws of the United States of America, References (b) and (c), shall be infused, whenever possible, into all prescribed policies, procedures, and activities of this "independent and objective" Office of Inspector General.

Policy Guidance: References (d) and (e) are hereby incorporated by reference as policy guidance for all components of this Office of Inspector General.

Effective Date: This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately.


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